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TAGS: OVIP, JA, NZ (PRIMIN TANAKA)

SUBJECT: TANAKA VISIT

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER TANAKA COMPLETED OFFICIAL THREE DAY VISIT AND DEPARTED FOR AUSTRALIA OCTOBER 31. VISIT EXTREMELY LOW-KEY AND FOCUSED ONLY ON BILATERAL ISSUES. ACCORDING MFA OFFICIALS LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE RESULTED ESPECIALLY IN THE FIELD OF INCREASED IMPORTS OF NEW ZEALAND PRIMARY PRODUCTS BY JAPAN. END SUMMARY.

2. JAPANESE PRIMIN KAKUEI TANAKA PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT FROM OCTOBER 28-31 AS PART OF AREA TOUR WHICH ALSO INCLUDED AUSTRALIA AND BURMA. WHILE IN NEW ZEALAND, TANKA MET WITH PRIMIN ROWLING, ATTENDED A STATE LUNCHEON, VISITED A PULP AND PAPER MILL AT NAPIER AND PLAYED GOLF AT ROTORUA. ACCORDING MFA OFFICIALS, JAPANESE AMBASSADOR, PRIOR TO TANKA VISIT, INSISTED THAT A NUMBER OF FUNCTIONS FOR TANKA BE ELIMINATED OR DOWNPLAYED TO THE POINT THAT GNZ FINALLY REFUSED MAKE ANY FURTHER CUTS IN THE PROGRAM.

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TANAKA ARRIVED WITH A HUGH ENTOURAGE OF JAPANESE

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PRESS BUT IT WAS TANAKA, AND TANAKA ALONE, WHO PARTICIPATED IN TALKS AND MET WITH MEDIA.

3. NZ HAD HOPED THAT VISIT WOULD RESULT IN THE EARLY REOPENING OF THE JAPANESE MARKET FOR NZ AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, HOWEVER, THEY WERE TOLD THAT THERE WERE NO PROSPECTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND THE MOST THEY WERE ABLE TO EXTRACT FROM THE JAPANESE FOR INCLUSION IN THE COMMUNIQUE WAS A STATEMENT THAT QTE PROSPECTS FOR INCREASES IN THIS TRADE OVER THE LONG TERM WERE PROMISING END QTE. THE NEW ZEALANDERS MADE A STRONG PITCH FOR REGULAR AND HIGH-LEVEL CONSULTATIONS ON THE DIRECTION AND GROWTH OF BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND AN AGREEMENT TO THIS PROPOSAL WAS INCLUDED IN THE COMMUNIQUE. ON CIVIL AVIATION, LITTLE ENCOURAGEMENT WAS GIVEN TO NEW ZEALAND DESIRES TO SERVICE TOKYO. TANAKA TOLD THE NEW ZEALANDERS THAT TOKYO AIRPORT WAS OPERATING AT ABSOLUTE CAPACITY AND CONSIDERATION OF NEW ZEALAND'S DESIRE HAD TO AWAIT COMPLETION OF SECOND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN TOKYO AREA.

4. THE ONE ITEM OF SUBSTANCE WHICH WAS CONCLUDED WAS AN AGREEMENT FOR INCREASED BILATERAL EXCHANGE IN THE CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL FIELDS. THE JAPANESE PROPOSED THAT EACH SIDE, OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS, CONTRIBUTE NZ\$600,000 (APPROXIMATELY US\$ ONE MILLION) TO FINANCE SUCH AN EXCHANGE PROGRAM. THE NEW ZEALANDERS COUNTERED WITH AN OFFER, WHICH WAS ACCEPTED BY THE JAPANESE, OF ONE HALF THIS AMOUNT BEGINNING NEXT FISCAL YEAR APRIL 1975. IT IS NEW ZEALAND'S INTENTION THAT THIS PROGRAM WILL BE ESTABLISHED ALONG THE LINES OF THE CURRENT NZ-US EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION.

5. ACCORDING TO MFA SOURCES THE TALKS WERE STRICTLY BILATERAL AND DID NOT TOUCH ON REGIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL SUBJECTS.

6. THROUGHOUT THE VISIT TANAKA REFUSED POINT BLANK TO DISCUSS DOMESTIC JAPANESE POLITICS, ALLEGATIONS AGAINST HIM, OR HIS POLITICAL FUTURE.

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